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R^4 and R^5 form a single radical which is selected from the group consisting of
--- R^6 --- and ---(R^7)_q---O---(R^8)_r---

in which R^6 is C_3 - C_7 divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, R^7 and R^8 are the same or different and are C_1 - C_6 divalent alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted, and q and r are the same or different and are zero or 1 such that the sum of q and r is at least 1;

the substitutions in the substituted groups being selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxy(C_1 - C_4 alkyl), polyhydroxy(C_1 - C_4 , alkyl), and alkanoamido; and

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of (C_1 - C_8 alkyl)carbonyl, (C_1 - C_8 alkoxy)carbonyl, (C_2 - C_9 alkenyloxy)carbonyl.

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that all pending claims, except claim 128, have been allowed. Claim 128 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner alleges that the carbohydrate moiety structures shown there contain a "dangling valency". Although applicants believe one of skill would understand the scope of the claim, to expedite prosecution, the claim has been amended to overcome the rejection. A structure "X" has been added to the claim to represent the remainder of the carbohydrate compounds used in the claimed methods. Since the amendment more explicitly recites what was already claimed, no new matter is added. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at

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an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 543-9600.

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